The mission of the University of Chicago Celiac Disease Center is to raise diagnosis rates for celiac disease and meet the critical needs of people with the condition, through education, research, and advocacy.

## WHATTOKNOW

## **Label Reading Tips**

When reading a label, look for the claim "gluten free," but don't stop there. It's a good idea to read the ingredient list as well. Look for the following six words:

- > Wheat
- > Rve
- > Untested oats
- > Barley
- > Malt
- > Brewer's yeast

## Sometimes oats have cross-contact,

yet the product is labeled "gluten free." Assume that oats contain gluten unless they are specifically labeled gluten free.

**AVOID** any food that contains one of these ingredients.



**Allergen Information:** Made in a facility that processes peanuts, tree nuts, soy and sesame seeds.



- > Check the food label each time you purchase a food because food manufacturers sometimes change the ingredients.
- If you are ever unsure of an ingredient, call your care team.
- **>** "Contains" statements may not include rye, oats, and barley. Checking ingredient lists every time is important for this reason.
- > Natural and artificial flavorings are usually gluten free.
- > Meal replacements such as protein shakes and bars may also contain gluten.

Whether you are newly diagnosed or have been living with celiac disease for decades, education is key to staying healthy and enjoying a high quality of life. At The Celiac Disease Center, one of our goals is to provide information that makes following a gluten-free diet as easy as possible.



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If you have any questions, please reach out. Your care team is only a phone call away.